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Title: MODIFICATION OF)
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OF ANTIGENS)
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RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS)
TO ELIMINATE FALSE)
POSITIVE RESULTS CAUSED)
BY NASOPHARYNGEAL)
COLONIZATION OF)
CHILDREN)

SUBMITTAL OF ADDITIONAL FEE
FOR 3-MONTH TIME
EXTENSION REQUESTED JUNE 23, 2005

Applicants' counsel on June 23, 2005 filed a "Petition for Three-Month
Extension to Respond to Office Communication Dated February 23, 2005 with a check
for \$510.00, the small entity fee for that time extension.

Subsequently to that date, counsel learned that applicants' assignee, Binax, Inc.,

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which was purchased by Inverness Medical, Inc. on or about March 30, 2005 but has since been operated as a subsidiary thereof, maintaining its preexisting name and identity, is no longer eligible, and has not been eligible since March 30, 2005, to claim small entity fee status.

To cure the fee deficiency, there is submitted herewith a further payment of \$210.00 to bring the original fee payment up to the total \$1020.00 required of a large entity (37 C.F.R. 1.17 (a) (3)) in order to obtain a 3-month time extension.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Helen Sears". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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